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News Highlights, June 15-21

WRAL

[Miss North Carolina pageant turns 75](#)

The Miss North Carolina scholarship pageant is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with an exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. The styles, the swimsuits, the gowns and the crowning accomplishments – chronicled through the years – will go on display at 9 a.m. Friday. The 2012 pageant is at 8 p.m. Saturday in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Read more [here](#).

EinarJoeBohlin's Blog:

[Late Spring Road Trip: North Carolina Crystal Coast](#)

It all began with an article in the May 2012 issue of Southern Living and a mutual itch to get on the road and away from it all for a few days. We are not “foodies,” but there was no resisting a piece titled “Eat Your Way to the Outer Banks,” by cookbook authors Matt Lee and Ted Lee, who would “...take you on a culinary road trip to Carolina’s Crystal Coast.” Read more [here](#).

Wilmington Star-News

[Maritime museum plans summer of history](#)

The N.C. Maritime Museum in Southport is again participating in the state Department of Cultural Resources Second Saturdays program. “The purpose of the second Saturdays program is to provide a free fun day for all members of the family. Families on a budget looking for things to do will find this to their liking,” said Mary Strickland, the museum’s manager. “This year we are showcasing the unique history of the Lower Cape Fear region and the residents who have given us such a rich heritage.” Read more [here](#).

Greater Diversity News

[Highway Historical Marker Recognizes Civil Rights Activist And Mentor Ella Baker](#)

Ella Baker grew up in Halifax County and dedicated her life to advancing civil rights for African Americans. She had a “habit of pushing the boundaries of acceptable behavior for a respectable, middle-class, married woman during the 1940s,” according to biographer Barbara Ransby. Her life’s work is being recognized with the dedication of a N.C. Highway Historical marker on Sunday, June 24, at 2 p.m. at Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church, 1991 Roanoke Chapel Rd., Littleton, N.C. The marker will be erected the following week in Littleton. Read more [here](#).

Auction Central News

'Rembrandt in America' opens June 24, Minneapolis Institute of Arts

'Rembrandt in America' brings together the largest number of authentic paintings by the famous Dutch master ever assembled in the United States. Presented by U.S. Bank, the exhibition opens June 24 at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA). Featuring rarely seen works from two dozen museums and a few extraordinary private collections, the exhibition traces the arc of Rembrandt's career and influence as revealed in 50 paintings... 'Rembrandt in America' was organized and presented by the MIA, the North Carolina Museum of Art, and the Cleveland Museum of Art. Read more [here](#).

Trains Magazine

North Carolina Transportation Museum announces fall excursions

The North Carolina Transportation Museum has announced it will operate two mainline excursions this fall, from Spencer to Appomattox, Va., and Spencer to Toccoa, Ga. Read more [here](#).

WNCT

Tryon Palace hosting special Independence Day event

Tryon Palace will hold a very special family friendly event to celebrate Independence Day this year. The staff at Tryon Palace invite families across Eastern North Carolina to join them as they celebrate, "The Glorious Fourth." Read more [here](#).

The Herald Sun

Report: Arts spending contributed \$210.9M

What makes Durham "cool" and economically vibrant? Representatives from nonprofit arts organizations gathered at City Hall Monday to hear the results of a study that gave an answer – spending by nonprofit arts organizations. Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Durham and Orange counties contributed \$210.9 million to the economies of both counties during fiscal year 2010, according to a newly released national study conducted by Americans for the Arts. Read more [here](#).

Wilkes Journal Patriot

Art program has a Tuscany theme

Tuscany scenes are coming to North Wilkesboro this month by way of 11 creative Wilkes County high school students in the Wilkes Art Gallery's Summer Honors Art Program. ... The 2012 program is sponsored by the Kulynych Family Foundation, The Katherine Ann Greene Foundation, The Leonard G. Herring Family Foundation and through Grassroots funding from the North Carolina Arts Council. Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

Conference at N.C. Maritime Museum On "America's Forgotten War" of 1812

In a free daylong conference marking its bicentennial, the War of 1812 will be remembered at the N.C. Maritime Museum-Beaufort on June 29. Speakers will examine the conflict that resolved issues remaining from the American Revolution. Read more [here](#).

WECT

[New Hanover County Public library gets money to digitize](#)

The New Hanover County Public Library in Wilmington is one of 71 library projects around North Carolina to receive a grant for books, outreach, and technology. The State Library Division of the Department of Cultural Resources awarded \$1.4 million in federally funded grants on Thursday. Read more [here](#).

Island Gazette

[Open House at Fort Fisher Underwater Archaeology Branch June 27](#)

The N.C. Underwater Archaeology Branch (UAB) will host a rare behind-the-scenes tour of its facility on Wednesday, June 27, at 10 a.m., to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the sinking of the Modern Greece in 1862. Modern Greece was the first major blockade-runner lost in the Cape Fear region during the Civil War. N.C. Department of Cultural Resources Secretary Linda Carlisle will unveil a wayside sign at the North Gazebo at Fort Fisher State Historic Site at noon to commemorate the role of Modern Greece. Read more [here](#).

Independent Weekly

[Mary Regan: The Independent Interview](#)

The American Dance Festival is dedicating its 2012 season to long-time supporter Mary Regan... In February of this year, Regan retired after 39 years with the North Carolina Arts Council—36 of them as its executive director. On March 2, just days after her retirement, she and I sat down for a different sort of exit interview in a Morrisville cafe. ..How far the arts have come in North Carolina since her start in 1972; how they've managed to come that far, despite the economic turmoil of the past decade and the culture wars of the 1980s and 1990s; and how far they've yet to go. Read more [here](#).

State of Things – WUNC

[Let Them Be Heard](#)

Between 1936-1938, the Works Progress Administration hired unemployed writers to collect stories from more than 2,000 former slaves. These stories created the Slave Narrative Project, a compilation of personal histories from the last generation of slaves in the United States. Seven of the narratives came to life earlier this month at Historic Stagville in Durham, N.C. in a performance of "Let Them Be Heard" by Bare Theatre Company. Director Todd Buker and actor Justin Smith joined host Frank Stasio to discuss the production. Listen [here](#).